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Jim Warner, Director
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Dear Mr. Warner:

I am pleased to transmit to you the final report of the combined Title V operating permit program and new source review permit program evaluation that took place between August 18, 2003 and August 20, 2003. Several representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) met with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) managers and staff, as part of USEPA's initiative to evaluate States' permit program implementation, note practices that could be helpful to other permitting authorities, document areas needing improvement and learn how USEPA can help to attain these improvements.

Please note the portions of the evaluation report which ask MPCA for additional information. Specifically, action plans related to permit issuance are required and Addendum 1 asks that certain documentation regarding your part 70 fee program be submitted. We ask that you submit this information within the time frames specified in the report so that we may complete our review of your part 70 program.

I hope you find this exercise as useful as we have. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Darrow, of my staff, at (312) 886-6315.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Stephen Rothblatt, Director
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Enclosures

cc: Carolina Schutt, MPCA